

HB 659 -- Medical Transport Drivers

Sponsor: Luetkemeyer

This bill revises a provision pertaining to certification of emergency medical response personnel.

In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to certify training entities for medical transport drivers;
- (2) Prohibits the compensation of any person who performs medical transports of individuals unless the person is certified by the department as a medical transport driver;
- (3) Requires the department to investigate an applicant for the position of medical transport driver. The director may authorize investigations into criminal records in other states for any applicants;
- (4) Requires the department to issue a certificate to eligible medical transport drivers for a period of two years;
- (5) Requires the department to develop the application form and rules pertaining to the requirements for a medical transport driver;
- (6) Prohibits the department from issuing or renewing a certificate for a medical transport driver under stated conditions;
- (7) Prohibits persons from identifying themselves as a medical transport driver unless they are certified;
- (8) Requires certified medical transport drivers to display a windshield placard issued by the Department of Revenue when performing medical transports for compensation. Certified drivers are required to apply to the director of the department for the windshield placard;
- (9) Prohibits certified medical transport drivers from performing medical transports for more than 12 consecutive hours, except in cases of declared national or state emergencies;
- (10) Describes the content of the windshield placard, the requirements for placement of the placard, and the use of the placard during medical transports;
- (11) Requires the placard to be used during medical transports.

Upon conviction, violations of this provision are punishable by a fine ranging from \$50 to \$300. Fraudulent application, renewal, issuance, or procurement of the placard is a class A misdemeanor; and

(12) Contains provisions pertaining to the replacement of lost, stolen, or mutilated placards and the return of a placard to the director of the department in the event of the death of a certified medical transport driver.